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Subject Review

I would like the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary to include the following in the Management Plan Review:

- Establish laws to protect whales from vessel strikes. Include a speed limit of 13 knots during whale season and strict enforcement and penalties for any vessel breaking the speed limit or hitting whales.
- Fund water quality monitoring and strict laws to stop sewage dumping, pesticide and chemical runoff.
- Limit all sonar activity during whale season and comply with NOAA noise policies to prevent or mitigate acoustic impacts to whales.
- Make strong laws to have all fishing nets identifiable and hold fishers' liable for derelict nets, and a reward for boaters who collect stray nets.
- Make laws to protect reef habitat and to establish "No Take" Marine Conservation Areas on Kauai.
- Expand sanctuary boundaries, especially on Kauai. More resources should be spent on enforcement of existing laws (Marine Mammal Protection Act and Endangered Species Act).
- Take a strong stand against commercial factory fisheries.
- Ban aquarium fish extraction statewide.
- Create a rehabilitation center for all marine mammals and turtles on Kauai.

The Sanctuary should be much more vocal and proactive about the serious threats to whales and all ocean life. Educate the public on the realities of the situation.

Thank you,

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